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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ubillos (U.S. Pat. No. 5,999,173).

Per claim 1, Ubillos teaches a multi-level position/range designating method for a multimedia stream comprising:

(a) displaying an entire range of a multimedia stream (figs 2-3 and 5; col. 6, lines 63-67; col. 7, lines 1-11); and

(b) setting a range designated by a user from the displayed entire range of the multimedia stream as an absolute range of the multimedia stream and displaying the absolute range of the multimedia stream as the entire range of the multimedia stream, if a range is designated by the user (figs 6 and 7; col. 7, lines 16-19; col. 10, lines 48-62).

Per claim 2, Ubillos teaches a method of claim 1, further comprising: displaying a starting frame of the range designated by the user (figs 6 and 7; col. 10, lines 48-54; starting frame: “in” point); and displaying an ending frame of the range designated by the user (figs. 6 and 7; col. 10, lines 48-54; ending frame: “out” point).

Per claim 3, Ubillos teaches a method of claim 1, wherein in (a), displaying the entire range of the multiple stream in a first level of a multiple level display of the multimedia stream (figs 2-3 and 5; col. 6, lines 63-67; col. 7, lines 1-11); and in (b), displaying the absolute range of the multimedia stream in a second level of the multiple level display (figs. 6 and 7; col. 7, lines 16-19 and lines 44-49; col. 10, lines 48-54).

Per claim 4, Ubillos teaches a method of claim 3, wherein (a) further comprises: displaying a starting frame of a designated range if a range is designated by the user (figs 6 and 7; col. 10, lines 48-54; starting frame: "in" point); and displaying an ending frame of said designated range (figs 6 and 7; col. 10, lines 48-54; ending frame: "out" point).

Per claim 5, Ubillos teaches a method of claim 3, further comprising repeating (b) and displaying each absolute range of the multimedia stream in a different level of the multiple level display (col. 7, lines 16-19 and lines 44-49).

Per claim 6, Ubillos teaches a method of claim 5, wherein (b) further comprises: displaying a starting frame of a range designated from each absolute range of the multimedia in each corresponding level of the multiple level display, if a range is designated by the user from an absolute range of the multimedia (figs 6 and 7; col. 10, lines 48-54; starting frame: "in" point); and displaying an ending frame of said range designated from each absolute range of the multimedia in each corresponding level of the multiple level display (figs 6 and 7; col. 10, lines 48-54; ending frame: "out" point).

Per claim 7, Ubillos teaches a method of claim 6, further comprising manipulating a slider bar to view each level of the multiple level display (fig 3; the scroll bar at bottom of the figure enables a user to view information on the display).

Per claim 8, Ubillos teaches a method of claim 5, further comprising manipulating a slider bar to view each level of the multiple level display (fig 3; the scroll bar at bottom of the figure enables a user to view information on the display).

Per claim 9, Ubillos teaches a multi-level position/range designating method for a multimedia stream comprising:

(a) displaying a first level of a multiple level display including an entire range of a multimedia stream represented by a first slider bar (figs 2-3 and 6-7; col. 6, lines 63-67; col. 7, lines 1-11; col. 10, lines 48-54; a user is able to slide either the right edge or left edge of the clip along the track. Thus, each track is considered to be a slider bar);

(b) setting a range designated by a user from a range of the multimedia stream displayed in a previous level of the multiple level display as an absolute range of the multimedia stream, and displaying a kth level of the multiple level display including the absolute range of the multimedia stream represented by a kth slider bar, if a range is designated by the user from the previous level (figs 2, 6 and 7; col. 7, lines 16-19 and lines 44-49; col. 10, lines 48-62; a user is able to slide either the right edge or left edge of the clip along the track. Thus, each track is considered to be a slider bar); and

(c) repeating (b) (figs 2, 6 and 7; col. 7, lines 16-19 and 44-49; col. 10, lines 48-62).

Per claim 10, Ubillos teaches a method of claim 9, further comprising: displaying, for each level, a starting frame of a designated range if a range is designated by the user (figs 6 and 7; col. 10, lines 48-54; starting frame: "in" point); and displaying, for each level, an ending frame of said designated range (figs 6 and 7; col. 10, lines 48-54; ending frame: "out" point).

Per claim 11, Ubillos teaches a method of claim 10, further comprising manipulating a window slider bar to view each kth level of the multiple level display (figs 6 and 7; col. 10, lines 48-62; col. 11, lines 16-24).

Per claim 12, Ubillos teaches a method of claim 9, further comprising manipulating a window slider bar to view each of the kth level of the multiple level display (figs 6 and 7; col. 10, lines 48-62; col. 11, lines 16-24).

Per claim 13, Ubillos teaches a method of claim 12, wherein the first slider bar and each of the kth slider bar has the same length (figs 2 and 3; each track has the same length).

Per claim 14, Ubillos teaches a multi-level position/range designating method for a multimedia stream comprising:

(a) displaying a first level of a multiple level display including an entire range of the multimedia stream in a first window (figs 2-3 and 5; col. 6, lines 63-67; col. 7, lines 1-11; the first track is considered as the first window); and

(b) displaying subsequent levels of the multiple level display including varying ranges of the multimedia stream in a second window (figs 6 and 7; col. 7, lines 16-19 and lines 44-49; col. 10, lines 48-62; the tracks below the first track are considered as tracks of the second window).

Per claim 15, Ubillos teaches a method of claim 14, further comprising: displaying, for each level, a starting frame of a designated range if a range is designated by the user (figs 6 and 7; col. 10, lines 48-54; starting frame: "in" point); and displaying, for each level, an ending frame of said designated range (figs 6 and 7; col. 10, lines 48-54; ending frame: "out" point).

Per claim 16, Ubillos teaches a method of claim 15, further comprising manipulating a window slider bar in the second window to view each nth level of the multiple level display (fig 3; fig 3; the scroll bar at bottom of the figure enables a user to view information on the display).

Per claim 17, Ubillos teaches a method of claim 14, further comprising manipulating a window slider bar in the second window to view each nth level of the multiple level display (fig 3; fig 3; the scroll bar at bottom of the figure enables a user to view information on the display).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ubillos (U.S. Pat. No. 5,999,173) in view of Foreman et al. ("Foreman", U.S. Pat. No. 6,469,711).

Ubillos teaches the method of claim 17, but does not teach the window slider bar is positioned at the right side of the second window. However, Foreman teaches the window slider bar is positioned at the right side of the second window (fig. 5; col. 7, lines 50-54). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the teaching of Foreman in the invention of Ubillos in order to enable a user to scroll through different tracks in the construction window.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Petelycky et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,204,840) discloses a non-timeline, non-linear digital multimedia composition method and system.

Boezeman et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,889,519) discloses a method and system for a multimedia application development sequence editor using a wrap corral.

Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh T. Vu whose telephone number is (703)-308-9119. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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